

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

SHANA SMALLWOOD,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 19-cv-11634

Hon. Matthew F. Leitman

v.

IA PROPERTIES,

Defendant.

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**ORDER (1) ADOPTING RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION OF REPORT  
AND RECOMMENDATION (ECF No. 20) AND (2) GRANTING  
DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT (ECF No. 14)**

On June 3, 2019, Plaintiff Shana Smallwood, acting *pro se*, filed this action against Defendant IA Properties. (*See* Compl., ECF No. 1.) Smallwood claims that IA Properties refused to rent her an apartment because of her race. (*See id.*) She brings claims under the Fair Housing Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. (*See id.*)

On March 20, 2020, IA Properties filed a motion for summary judgment. (*See* Mot., ECF No. 14.) Smallwood did not respond to the motion.

On November 19, 2020, the assigned Magistrate Judge issued a report and recommendation in which she recommended that the Court grant IA Properties’ motion (the “R&R”). (*See* R&R, ECF No. 20.) At the conclusion of the R&R, the Magistrate informed the parties that if they wanted to seek review of her

recommendation, they needed to file specific objections with the Court within fourteen days. (*See id.*, PageID.127-128.)

Smallwood has not filed any objections to the R&R. The failure to object to an R&R releases the Court from its duty to independently review the matter. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985). In addition, the failure to file objections to an R&R waives any further right to appeal. *See Howard v. Sec'y of Health and Human Servs.*, 932 F.2d 505 (6th Cir. 1991); *Smith v. Detroit Fed'n of Teachers Local 231*, 829 F.2d 1370, 1373 (6th Cir. 1987).

Because Smallwood has not filed any objections to the R&R, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Magistrate Judge's recommendation to grant IA Properties' motion for summary judgment is **ADOPTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that IA Properties' motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 14) is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

s/Matthew F. Leitman  
MATTHEW F. LEITMAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: March 5, 2021

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties and/or counsel of record on March 5, 2021, by electronic means and/or ordinary mail.

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